

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-12 and 17 are presently active in this case. Claims 7 and 17 have been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding office action; Claim 7 was objected to as being unclear; and Claims 7-12 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA)" in view of United States patent No. 5,668,650 to Mori et al.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of an interview granted to applicants representative on January 31, 2006 at which time the outstanding issues were addressed. As reflected in the Interview Summary, it was agreed that Applicants amendment to claim 7 does not require further search and consideration. Hence, an advisory action should not be entered in response to this amendment. Further, it was agreed during the interview that Mori et al. does not teach or suggest that the second wiring layer is connected to the source electrodes of the switching elements. Consequently, the "APA" is not believed to anticipate or render obvious the subject matter defined by claim 7 when consider in combination with Mori et al.

Consequently, no other issues are believed to be outstanding and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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